

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 NEW DE 01591 311455Z

50

ACTION NEA-13

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 AGR-20 AID-20 IO-14 USIE-00 CIAE-00

DODE-00 INR-10 NSAE-00 PA-04 RSC-01 PRS-01 SPC-03

SAM-01 EB-11 INRE-00 SSO-00 NEAE-00 /099 W

----- 018581

O R 311435Z JAN 74

FM AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9416

INFO AMCONSUL BOMBAY

AMCONSUL CALCUTTA

AMCONSUL MADRAS

UNCLAS NEW DELHI 1591

FOR LAINGEN, NEA/INS, PLEASE PASS AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN
PASS AGRICULTURE

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAGR IN

SUBJECT: UNION CABINET REVIEWS FOODGRAIN SITUATION

1. SEVERAL NEW DELHI PAPERS CARRIED REPORTS ON JANUARY 31 OF A MEETING OF THE UNION CABINET'S POLITICAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ON JANUARY 30 AT WHICH INDIA'S FOODGRAIN SITUATION WAS DISCUSSED IN DETAIL. ALL PRESS REPORTS POINT OUT THAT THE COMMITTEE EXPRESSED ITS SERIOUS CONCERN OVER THE SLOW PROCUREMENT OF FOODGRAINS IN RELATIONSHIP TO THE 6.65 MILLION TON TARGET. PATRIOT REPORT ON THE MEETING STATES THAT AGRICULTURAL MINISTRY OFFICIALS URGED THE COMMITTEE TO APPROVE A PROPOSAL FOR THE IMPORTATION OF AN ADDITIONAL 4 MILLION TONS OF WHEAT FROM OVERSEAS SUPPLIERS. THE SAME REPORT STATED THAT THE AGRICULTURAL MINISTRY "IS UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE PLEADED EVEN FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF SOME VARIANT OF CONCESSIONAL AID FROM THE U.S."

2. COMMENTS: THE PRESS REPORTS IN RECENT DAYS ON GRAIN PROCUREMENT BY GOVERNMENT AGENCIES HAVE QUOTED DIFFERENT
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 NEW DE 01591 311455Z

PROCUREMENT FIGURES RANGING FROM 2.6 TO 3.0 MILLION METRIC TONS.

THE FACT THAT INDIVIDUAL STATE GOVERNMENTS HAVE BEEN
AUTHORIZED RECENTLY TO PURCHASE GRAIN IN SURPLUS-
PRODUCING STATES AT OPEN MARKET PRICES (WHICH ARE HIGHER THAN
GOVERNMENT PRICES) IS EXPECTED TO REDUCE SIGNIFICANTLY COARSE
GRAINS SALES TO GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AT THE ESTABLISHED
PROCUREMENT PRICES.SCHNEIDER

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: GRAINS, FOOD ASSISTANCE, CENTRAL LEGISLATURE
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 31 JAN 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974NEWDE01591
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: NEW DELHI
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t1974012/aaaaabrhl.tel
Line Count: 67
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: WorrelSW
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 09 OCT 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <09 OCT 2002 by elyme>; APPROVED <22-Nov-2002 by WorrelSW>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: UNION CABINET REVIEWS FOODGRAIN SITUATION
TAGS: EAGR, IN
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005